#### INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

One of the largest "coming out" receptions of the season was given by Mrs. Frederick Goodridge at her home, No. 250 Fifth-ave., yesterday afternoon for her daughter, Miss Charlotte Grosvenor Goodridge. Mr. Gouverneur Carnochan, whose wedding occurred about six weeks ago, assisted in receiving with a number of debutantes, including Miss Claire Coudert, Miss Emily Delafield, Miss Clarkson, Miss Lita Pell, Miss May Perkins, Miss Lizzie Beach, of Hartford; Miss Jennie Minton, Miss Mary Kingsland-Jones, Miss Elcanor Duer, the Misses Dudley and the Misses Randolph. Lander's orchestra played throughout the afternoon, and an elaborate collation was served by Pinard. Fully 1,500 invitations were

Among the guests were Mrs. Newbold Morris, Miss orris, Mrs. Augustus Field, Miss Field, the Misses Miss Dale, Mrs. Charles Brad-Miss Bradhurst, Mrs. A. S. Webb, Misses Webb, Creighton Webb, Martin de Garmendia, P. G. Thebaud, Mrs. Paul Thebaud, Mrs. Schley, Miss Schley, Percy Bramwell, Mrs. Von B. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bertier and Mile. Bertier, of Paris; Mrs. W. A. Budd, Mrs. Eastman Johnson, Philip Minton, Mrs. W. S. Livingston, Jr., Mrs. Herman Clarke, Miss Livingston, James Duane Livingston, Miss Claire Coudert, Fred. Allien, Miss Bessle Campbell, Mrs. Irving Clark, Mrs. C. W. Field, Bessie Campbell, Mrs. Irving Clark, Mrs. C. W. Field, ir., Mrs. I. Mortimer Thorn, Miss Emily Thorn, Conde Thorn, Mrs. John D. Jones, John Wainwright, Mrs. William Fellowes, Miss Pyne, Mrs. A. J. Leith, Mrs. W. T. Lusk, Miss Lusk and Thomas Howard, ir. Mrs. Samuel Kissam, No. 27 West Pitty-sixth-st., gave a dinner for her son, William Kissam, last evening.

Miss Whiting, No. 150 West Fifty-ninth-st., gave a large reception yesterday afternoon. A dinner for

large reception yesterday afternoon. A dinner for thirty at small tables followed and a dance later in e evening. Mrs. John W. Minturn will give a ball at Delmonist this evening for her daughter, Miss Katharine

The Thursday Evening Dancing Class will meet for the first time at the Mendelssohn Assembly Rooms, No. 108 West Fifty. fifthst., this evening.

Miss Cora McKay and Miss Preston will give a tea on Saturday afternoon from 4 until 7.

#### A WEDDING.

A pretty wedding occurred in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison-ave. and Forty-second-st., last evening at 8 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Lillian & Chambers, daughter of Isaac B. Chambers, and Willard B. Young. The Rev. Walpole Warren, rector of the church, officiated, the Rev. Henry Freeman, assisting. The bride entered the church on her father's arm. She were a handsome gown of white poult de sole made in the style of the Pirst Empire, richly embroidered in silver and trimmed with point lace. The maid of honor was Miss Lizzie Halsey. There were no brdesmaids. The best man was Harold A. Chambers, brother of the bride, and the ushers were Archer Thompson, Ernest Thompson, Gilbert Sayers, and James Wills. A large reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, No. 26 East Forty-ninth-st

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nichels, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Toucey, Samuel Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Toucey, Miss Boyce, N. F. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carroll, Mrs. S. Carman Harriot, Miss Florence Harriot, Carroll, Mrs. S. Carman Harriot, Miss Fiorence Harriot, George Farrar, Miss Lillie Nicholls, S. C. Harriot, Jr., Mrs. C. F. Houghton, G. W. Stetson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pratt, John Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Coon, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Demarest, W. J. Young, Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Best, Mr. and Mrs. John Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wiley, W. H. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Fisher, Henry Rogers, and W. D. Murphy. The pair started on a Southern trip.

Boston, Dec. 19 (Special).—In the interview with the poet John Greenieaf Whittier published in The une last Sunday a few lines appeared to the effect that the Society of Friends might some day become absorbed by the Methodist Church. Mr. Whittier did not intend to convey the broad meaning that would naturally attach to such a remark, but intended it to apply to a portion of the Western Quakers, as will be seen by the following letter received this morning by

a Tribune correspondent.

Dear Friend: I thank thee for thy note and slip from The New-York Tibune. In the closing paragraph relating to the Quakers I meant only to say that a large number of the Western Friends have become so closely assimilated to the Methodists in docurine and practice that they might be united with the latter in rame as well as fact. The Society of Friends, I trust, will continue to exist and bear its needed testimony, not withstanding the defection of many of its members. Will thee be kind enough to give my explanation in The New-Fork Tribune or in "The Journal." I am truly thy friend,

Oak Knoll, Tuesday morning, 12m, 18th, 1888. Tribune correspondent

JOHN C. CALHOUN'S HOME IN LITIGATION. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19 (Special) .- The home of John C. Calhoun, with the skeleton in the closet, is in danger of being effectively tied up in lit gation for many years. Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, has granted an injunction restraining Clemson's executor from transferring the estate to the agement of several important financial institutions in Legislature have passed an act accepting the bequest, and the act is now in the hands of the Governor, who, it is rumored, may veto it. There are not enough friends of the bill in the Legislature to pass it over Public opinion, outside of a certain class in the agricultural district in the upper part of the State, is shocked at the idea of the State fighting in the courts with the granddaughter of Cathon, for her ancestor's home. The situation is perplexing.

# THE MARRIAGE OF OLD MR. MASURY.

The marriage of John W. Masury, the head of the paint manufacturing firm of John W. Masury & Son, in Nassau-st., to Miss Mary O'Kennes, of Brooklyn, was announced on Monday. Yesterday some news papers, because Mr. Masury is over the age of threescore years and ten, and because he avoided publicity as much as possible in the affair, wrote of the marriage in a somewhat sensational manner. There does not appear to be any reason to doub the genuineness of the marriage notice which appeared, and it is said that Mr. Masury and his bride are now at his winter home in Thomasville, Ga., but at his office in Nassaust, vesterday no one was willing to say anything about the affair.

THE MYSTERY OF CRAWFIS COLLEGE. Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 19 (Special).—In Blanchard township, this county, there has just been completed, at a cost of \$25,000, upon the farm of John Crawfis fifteen miles from any town and remote from railroads, a fine building which will be known hereafter as Crawfis College. It was erected as a monument to Crawfis, who desired in this way to preperuate his name, but now that it is completed nobody knows what it will be used for. No college can be established there unless some one heavily endows it; and as Crawfis has few neighbors as anxious for fame as himself, the building is likely to remain forever untenented, a monument to Crawfis's folly.

A NOTED BOSTON ARTIST IN TOWN W. F. Halsall, the well-known Boston artist, was at the Gilsey House last night. Mr. Halsall is painting for the Senate Chamber at the National Capitol a picture of the old man-of-war Constitution in a gale. The ship is now lying at Portsmouth, and Mr. Halsall has been to see her. He has with him drawings and sketches to aid him in his work. The Navy Depart-ruent at Wachington also turnished him with sketches

# MRS. WAITE MUCH BETTER.

Washington, Dec. 19.-Miss Walte, daughter of the late Chief Justice, stated this afternoon that her mother was much better to-day. Mrs. Waite rested well last night and no unfavorable change is anticipated.

JAY COULD NOT GOING TO BERMUDA The rumer that Jay Gould is sick and has been ordered to Bermuda for the benefit of his health was last night emphatically denied by Dr. Baldwin, his physician. The doctor said: "I suppose this piece of news emanated from Wali Street and was copied in the evening papers. The statement is attributed to me and a utterly false. Mr. Gould is in good houlth and takes drive through the Park every day. Although Mrs. ould is doing fairly well, her husband would not leave home while she is in her present condition, even supposing that he were sick. I do not believe that he has ordered his yacht put into condition for a voyage as reported and as I am not prescribing any medicine im, it is certain that I have no occasion to order him away from home."

MISS, JULIA CLINCH'S WILL FILED. By the will of Julia Augusta Teresa Clinch, one of the Stewart heirs and a sister \* Mrs. A. T. Stewart, which was filed yesterday with Probate Clerk Charles H. Beckett, Charles E. Butler, brother-in-law of the testa-trix, and her nephews, Prescott Hall Butler and Maxwell Evarts Butler, are appointed executors. The will is dated January 11, 1886. Bequests of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively are given to Cornelia N. Fitch and Ellen Oukford, and the residue of the estate goes to the two sisters of the testatrix, Anna Catherine and Emma Alien Clinch, for life, with revision in equal shares at their death to Rosalfe, Helen C., Virginia, Prescott Hall and Maxwell Evarts Butler and Lilian Louisa Swan.

RUSSELL HARRISON ABOUT TO RETURN HOME. Russell Harrison's visit to this city will terminate this evening, if the present arrangements are followed, for he intends to start for home at 6 o'clock this after.

ncon. He received a number of callers yesterday, but spent most of the day and evening away from the

PAINTINGS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

THE DUKE DE DERCAL WILL DISPOSE OF A VAL-

UABLE COLLECTION IN AMERICA. S. A. R. Don Pedo de Borbon of Borbon, Duke de Dercal, and a scion of the Spanish royal house, sat in the barber shop of the Victoria Hotel yesierday morn ing, awaiting his turn to be lathered and razored with rather less than the usual meckness. He is, however, exceedingly quiet and unassuming in his demeaner and his manner is marked by a genial, warm frankness. Chevaller Cambreleng, who was with Don Pedro, professed his inability to give any clear or coherent ac count of the collection of old masters now lodged at the Garfield Safe Deposit Bank. He referred The Tribune reporter to J. F. Sutton, secretary of the surprised. American Art Association, who has charge of the

arrangements for the exhibit.

"Let me tell you at once," he said, "that the Duke is not here on a speculative mission. These pictures must be sold in order that the affairs of his family be distinctly understood. It was at first intended to take the collection to London, which is the picture they are to open either in this city, Philadelphia or market of the world, and only after long persuasion Chicago, with an elaborate production of "Twelfth was he induced to come to America, it being rep-resented to him that he would be able to dispose of

The Chevalier thought that the exhibition of old noisseurs in art. There were ten Murillos, an Albrecht Durer, two Velasquez, two Ostades, three Teniers, and singing, of which there is to be considerable. representative specimens of Francesco Snyder, Rem-brandt, Vandyck, Roger Weyden Ribera, Saivatore Rosa, Sabbatinni Zurburan, Antoine Pedro Bloot, Rosa, Sabbatinni Zurburan, Antoine Pedro Bloot, Bonito, Alonzo Cano, Carreno, Juan Muranda, Labrador Matsys, Sebastian Munoz, Poussin, Guido Rene, Reynholds, and Sceplors di Gate. Altogether there would be 160 pictures, 100 of which were here, while the others would be here in the course of a lew days.

"We expect," he said, "to open the exhibition at the beginning of March, and at its close the Messrs. Kirby have instructions to dispose of the gallery at public auction."

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

The Presbyterian Hespital in its twentieth annual report, just published, states that in 1888, 1,832 patients have been treated in that hospital, and 300 have been attended to by its ambulance surgeons and taken to their homes. Among these patients, 866 were Catholics, 110 Presbyterians, 114 Lutherans, 101 Episcopalians, fifty Methodists, twenty-fine Hebrews, twenty-five Congregationalists, and 411 of other denominations. The hospital has been greatly crowded during the year, and plans have been made for other buildings which are needed. which are needed.

In regard to the withdrawal of the hospital from the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association, the report says that the belief that no charitable institution can succeed without personal sympathy and aid in its special work was the cause of its withdrawal, as op-posed to the contrary views of the Association. It

The unworthy criticisms of those who assign mere moneyed considerations as the cause of our withdrawal we can afford to pass in silence. In regard to the sentimental criticism that we have broken the charmed circle, and are lacking in liberality and broad humanitarian princi-ple, we have only to say: We join most heartily with our brethren of all denominations and nationalities in the de-sire that on the same day in the year all will unite in thought of and efforts to provide for the sick and needy We cannot believe that the sober thought of the commu nity will insist that all the gifts on this day for such ob Association. We cannot too strongly emphasize our b lief that the managers of no charitable institution can conscientiously assent to any plan which might tend to en the support received from persons interested in their special work, whether such support arises from a relig-lous, national or philanthropic spirit.

#### MR. CLEVELAND'S FUTURE HOME.

A STATEMENT THAT HE PROPOSES TO LIVE IN ORANGE, N. J., AFTER LEAVING THE CAPITAL. Philadelphia, Dec. 19 .- A local paper this morning says: " Mrs. Cleveland says she is enjoying her stay here very much, as she always does. She is very fond of Philadelphia, and would like to make her home here after the close of the present Administration. Indeed, there has been some serious consideration of that subject, but strong business reasons were advanced in favor of the residence by the President in or near New-York. It is now quite decided that upon the expiration of his term the President and Mrs. Cleveland will reside at Orange, N. J., and Mr. Cleveland will have an important business occupation in New-York. The President has been offered the man-New-York City, and it is understood that he has quite decided to accept one of the offers. He has also been tendered some law partnerships in New-York, but it is said that he has determined not to return to the practice of law pure and simple."

THESE SNOWSHOERS MAY GO TO MONTREAL. The Oritani Snowshoe Club of New-York held its annual dinner last evening at Vianest's restaurant, No. 87 Fulton-st. After the dinner a short business meeting was held, during which it was decided that if a carnival is held in Montreal this winter the club shall attend in a body, with its handsome new uniform of blue and gray woollen stuff. Among those present were William P. Ellery, George M. Fairchild, jr., Philip Farley, Wakeman Holberton, F. L. Holmquist, John McAdams, A. H. Schoff, William A. Short, Jackson Wallace, William E. Webb, William J. Weldon. Professor J. S. C. Wells, E. E. Williams, F. E. Scammell, C. E. W. Chambers, and Dr. William Valentine

COWBOIS AND RED SHIRTS NOT IN SOCIETY. Robert Buchanan, the author of "Partners" and other plays, early in 1884 made an agreement with Sheridan Shock and James W. Collier, proprietors of the Union Shock and James W. Coller, proprietors of the Utilon Square Theatre, to furnish them with a "society" drama. Buchanan telegraphed from London that he had such a play for them, and it was arranged that they should pay \$\to \pm 121,000\$ for it, of which \$\pm 150\$ was to be paid in advance. These terms were complied with, and in due time the play, "A Horo in Spite of Himself," was Shook & Collier found that the scene was laid on the prairies, and that the principal characters were to ap-pear in red shifts and boots. This, in their opinion, was not a "seciety" drama, and they declined to accept the nanuscript and demanded the return of the money which manuscript and demanded the they had advanced. Mr. Buchanan would not give the money back, and a suit to recover it was begun in the Supreme Court. The case was tried before Justice

Lawrence and a jury yesterday. Mr. Collier and Charles A. Noonan, author of several plays, testified as to the character of the drama. On the ther hand, the testimony of Mr. Buchanan, taken by commission in London, to the effect that his play was a "society" drama, was presented. A verdict of so45 for the plaintiffs was promptly rendered. was the full amount sucd for with interest. Ex A. J. Dittenhoefer and David Gerber appeared for the

THE MUSEUM OF ART OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The Metropolitan Museum of Art threw open its doors yesterday to the general public, and all day the galleries were filled with visitors. The platform which occupied the main hall during the exercises on Tuesdoy is to be removed at once and the Willard architectural casts will then be placed in this hall. In a few days a collection of wrought iron work which Henry G. Marquand recently purchased in Nuremburg, and which is now at the Custom House will arrive at the Museum and will be placed on exhibition. The Museum will be open daily except Sunday and to the public on all days except Monday and Tuesday, when an admission of 25 cents is charged. On Christmas and New Year's Day the Museum will be open to the public.

A FAIR TO BENEFIT TRAINED NURSES. The fair of the Directoire Bazar for the benefit of the Mt. Sinal Hospital for Trained Nurses was opened at the Hotel Brunswick by Dr. Jacobi, last night. tickets had been sold and the room was crowded. The ables were artistically arranged, and the pretty trinkets, bonbons and beautiful Christmas presents tempted many s. The fair is under the management of A. B. De-and it is expected that \$12,000 will be realized. It will continue until Saturday. There will be a matinee on Friday afternoon, at which Charles Reed, of the " Prass combination, will entertain the children.

# COMBINING COMMON SENSE AND CHARITY.

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From The Chicago Heraid.

President C. B. Homes, of the Chicago City Railway Company, is a thorough business man. He is deeply interested in numerous charities, and is president of the Chicago Home for the Friendiess, located at the southwest corner of Wabash-ave, and Twentleth-st. Mr. Holmes believes in bringing his business principles to bear upon his charities, and he does not countenance idieness in the home when he believes the idier is self-supporting. A story is tod of him to the efficient that a few weeks ago there was a woman admitted into the casual ward of the home, and that this woman had but one leg. At the meeting of the directors Mr. Holmes advanced his business ideas and argued that if the one-legged woman was suffered to remain with them she would probably be there for life, whereas if they did a little speculating on the outside and bought her a cerk leg she might be able to get out and "hustle" to the conspicuous place.

for herself. His idea was adopted after some debate, and the woman was set adrift with a cork leg as a floater. According to the story she found a husband inside of a week, and now Mr. Holmes's suggestions have gone up above par in the directory of the home.

## MARIE WAINWRIGHT'S PLANS.

SHE AND MR. JAMES HAVE NO THOUGHT OF

STARRING IN SEPARATE COMPANIES. When Marie Wainwright, the dramatic and conjugal partner of Louis James, arrived in this city a few days ago to do some boliday shopping, she was astonished to hear that the James-Walnwright combination was to split up at the end of the present season and that pext year Miss Wainwright and Mr. James were to "star" in separate companies. She immediately wrote to her husband, who is spending the week with friends in Chicago, informing him of the report. It is needless to add that he, too, was

reporter at the Gilsey House yesterday and graciously commanded him to contradict in the most positive and effectual manner the story that she and Mr. James were to "star" in separate companies. Such estate may be settled up, and I wish this point to a thing had never been dreamed of by either of them. All their plans for next year are laid. In September Night," with Miss Wainwright as Viola and Mr. James as Olivia's wicked steward, Malvolio. An the pictures in New-York quite as easily as, and probably to better advantage than, in London."

James as Olivia's wicked steward, Maivolio. An excellent company is to be secured, negotiations being already under way with several prominent actors and actresses. Miss Wainwright modestly expresses the masters would be the finest ever seen in New-York.
The collection, he said, was only second to that in speare's delightful comedy in a manner that the pub-

> not to act," she said. "The American stage is large enough for me. Our present season has been wonderfully successful, and I am entirely satisfied to receive the approval of the American people. Mr. James and I, being husband and wife, never quarrel over the distribution of parts. You can imagine how agreeable that is. So long as I am on the stage we shall act together. Now, just to please me, he is going to play Orlando to my Rosalind. Isn't that nice? I am sure he will be very happy in the part. And I do hope that my Rosalind will be well received."

#### THE CAMPAIGN OF THE ACTORS.

ATTEMPTS TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC-GROWTH OF THE ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP.

An absurd attempt is being made in certain quarters o mislend the public on the question of protection for the American actor. The Actors' Order of Friendship is fighting neither art nor individual merit. Its sole purpose in petitioning Congress to amend the Contract Labor Act is to prohibit the importation under contract of droves of cheap actors. "Stars" may continue to come to the United States whenever their purses begin to grow thin, "supers" may do the same, but while the former may come under contract, the latter may not.

"Our attitude toward the foreign actor," said a member of the profession yesterday, "Is precisely that of the American people toward the Chinese. Why do we keep out the Chinese? Not that we've got any personal feeling against the little Mongolian. Why, bless you, the little fellow is quiet, industrious. unobtrusive, raises no rows, always attends to his own business and lets ours alone. But he simply comes here to get our money and take it home when he gets enough. He never becomes one of us. There-fore, we don't want him. He's always an alien, no matter how long he remains. Without a burden or his shoulders be runs the race of life in competition with the American laborer who struggles along with a baby under one arm and a free school under the other. So with the English actor. He comes over here for dollars, picks up all he can, and hurries back to the other side. If he chooses to settle among us and spend his money with us he is welcome."

Jolly Louis Aldrich, one of the mainsprings of the present movement, was insulted in the street a day or two ago by an alleged actor from the other side. or two ago by an anegod accor from the other score.

My heart's so wrapped up in this movement," said Aldrich, "that I can take almost anything. They say I'm a German, Let's see. I left Germany when I was two years old and I've been in America ever since. Voted for Lincoln twice and volunteered for the war. Peddled out Harrison tickets in the last campaign. idled out Harrison lickets in the lass campaign-forty-five years old, weigh 238 pounds and don't a dollar. And I never was insulted in my life it wasn't by an Encilshman."

Applications for membership in the Order of Friend-p are being received by telegraph, so anxious are actors throughout the country to join the cam-

pain for protection.

8. 8. Cox's friends among the profession are astounded at his onosition to the movement. An effort is being made to put the Congressman on the right track, and it was runnoued yesterday that he hall been induced to see the error of his way.

#### VICTORY FOR MR. HILL OR MISS MATHERS ANYWAY THE ACTRESS WILL CONTINUE THE

SEASON UNDER HER PRESENT MANAGERS. The victory of James M. Hill, the theatrical man ager, over Miss Margaret Mather in the latest of their egal battles seems to be an exceedingly doubtful one There are certain theatrical people in Gotham who believe that Mr. Hill is hurrahing before he is out of the woods. Miss Mather acted under Gilm Tompkins's management last night and those gentle men are confident that she will continue to do so until end of the present season, Justice Andrews who handed down the decision of the Supreme Court on Tuesday, refusing to grant Mr. Hill either dam ages for alleged violation of contract or an injunctio other manager, in reality places the defendant in a far better position than she was before, for she is now at liberty to appeal to General Term without bond. An a An appeal would have been made in any case, and the permission to appeal without prejudice one way or the other Mather's counsel as decidedly

Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, Miss Mather's counsel, knew nothing of Justice Andrews's decision until 9 o'clock resteriar. It was mailed to him at 5 p. m. Tuesday. The opposing counsel and certain friends of Manage Hill, knew the result of the battle early in the after moon. This is looked on as a rather strange proceed ing.

E. G. Gilmore said to a Tribune reporter last night that he considered the decision a conditional victory

advantageous to her cause.

that he consider A LARGE COLLECTION OF RABE COINS.

An extensive and unique collection of old-fashioned oins will be offered for sale by the firm of George A. Leavitt & Co., on December 27, 28 and 29. The coins which are the property of Gerald D. Hart, of Montreal, Canada, represent the result of many years of patient labor and research, and the catalogue will be foun to contain the names of over ten thousand specimens Among these are many extremely beautiful and rare varieties. Ancient Greece and Judea are well represented, and the collection of Jewish coins is said to be one of the largest ever known in America. Old English, French and Canadian coins form an impertant feature of the exhibition, and the celebrated sideview pennies, the golden Charles pound and the Oxford Crown (1644) will possess pound and the for lovers of the antique. Especially peculiar aircsome of the coins formerly issued by resistential clergymen, and one of these bears the stamp (1784) of the Rev. Aaron Cleveland, grandfather of the Presi-

# HORSES SCARED BY A BRONZE LIONESS.

From The Philadelphia Record.

The handsome bronze group of a lioness and her cubs, which adorned the pavement of the Chestnut-st, side of the Post Office so long, and which was recently moved to Fairmont Park, has demonstrated its faithfulness to life in a way which, while highly complimentary to its sculptor, has alarmed the Park Commissioners and the Park Art Association, to which it belongs, it was placed in a preminent position in the middle of the Fountion Green drive, just west of the fine arched bridge which carries the Reading Railroad's tracks over the road.

## GLANCES HERE AND THERE.

About this time of year, the city's gymnasiums are full of young fellows eager to become athletes, many of whom will have done themselves considerable harm before spring and a few have crippled themselves for life. While there is nothing better than practice in a gymnasium for developing muscle and building up a vigorous constitution, its advantages are easily abused. The spirit of competition is the doch to which many a man sacrifices himself. With his muscles all soft from a summer's inactivity, with a chest contracted by bending over the desk or counter, the average novice in the gymnasium is not happy unless he can whirl the seventy-five pound dumb-bell, like the other fellows he meets there; or do the giant swing on the bara before he can "skin-the-cat"; and will try to keep place on the cinderpath with the sprinters, and at the same time out-stay the long-distance runners, until his head swims and his tongue hangs out like a dog's. A jaded mind and a strained body follow, as a matter of course, and if a serious tumble from the rings does not cut his career short, he quits soon in disgust. Moderation is the key to uniock all the good things stored in a gymnasium.

A merchant from Nassau, New-Providence, was here a few days ago on his way to Yucatan to in vestigate the agave or Sisal grass industry. He said that the Bahama Government had recently taken an cultivation on the barren lands of the Bahamas He remarked further: "We have fully 100,000 acreof ungranted land on the islands which is of a rocky nature and cannot be used for the growth of any product, except it might be made available for Sisal grass. It is said that the plant thrives best on rocky and impoverished soil, and that it is in different to drouths. There are also large landowners who have big tracts of rocky and out lands suitable for the growth of the plant. After the fullest information of the industry has been to tractable by a Government commissioner to be sent to Yucatan, it is proposed to purchase and ship to Nassau a supply of plants sufficient to stock from five to ten thousand acres of land.

"If the industry should prove to be profitable ! would be a great boon to our people. A field of the agave, or Sisal, properly planted and attended to, will last from fifteen to twenty years; and when it is remembered that 70 per cent of the annual value of the product in the South of Europe represents the labor, it will be apparent that the benefits to the population of the Bahamas would be very great. By fair calculation the value of the yield would be about \$50 an acre, and from 100,000 acres there would be a revenue of \$5,000,000, equal to ten time. the average value of the present exports of all kinds of produce of the islands. By the maceration used in the manufacture of thread, twine, rope and hammocks. It is also used as oakum. In Mexico the innermost leaves are used for making pulque, a tonic which has found great sale in the United States for the last two years. It is also said that some parts of the plant are good for cattle-fodder."

The man who has not bought his Christmas pres ents yet because he does not know what to get, or because he is mad at the way he fared a year ago, has thing in the world to buy presents when one know how to do the thing, and for the benefit of those who are ignorant of this art, here are some rules, together with a few suggestions, furnished by one who prides willing, he says, to share a part of his wisdom with others. He says; "Don't buy a thing for some on else just because you like it. If you do, some one will be minus that thing on Christmas Day, and won't be you. Don't lay out the greater part of your money on one person, just because that person The average man of to day wears a pair of strong mental glasses. Don't, if you are a wife, buy your husband a tea-set, and don't, if you are a husband, buy your wife an umbrella. Don't get any thing for the man who unexpectedly sent you a presen last Christmas when you had not thought of him. He will not do it again. Don't send your present late on Christmas Day, People might think you were working off those you had received. Don't, in order to pay for your purchases, pawn anything that is conspicuous. It may be missed. And lastly, don't do anything which you will regret the day after Christmas?

There are two opinions among those interested t he new ordinance which the Board of Aldermer passed by a vote of 14 to 5, requiring vegetables measure as at present. The small retail dealers, almost without exception, praise the ordinance and their will be possible under this system to put a stop to the swindling devices practised by dishonest dealers who can shake up and juggle a "small measure" of po tutoes, spinach, letture, etc., and make it fill half : peck. Against this base competition honest dealerhope to be relieved by the new system, and consumers hope to profit by knowing that they will get just what who buy from the shippers and sell to the retailers say it is impracticable to attempt to make their bus great, in the first place, and in the second place disonest methods, such as watering the vegetables to nake them heavier, would still be practised by some inscrupulous farmers with impunity. maintain, bosides, that the ordinance cannot be en-forced where the dealer sells on his own premises and not in the city market. Altogether the question presents some curious phases. The ordinance only awaits the Mayor's signature to become a municipal

# OBJECTIONS FROM THE STATE PRISONS.

ANXIOUS TO EVADE THE TASK OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BY ELECTRICITY.

Albany, Dec. 19 (Special).-Charles K. Baker, chie clerk of the Superintendent of Prisons, was asked today if any steps had been taken by the wardens of the State prisons for the execution of murderers by lectricity. The law says that the executions

take place exclusively in the State prisons.

"The law provides," said Mr. Baker, "that persons onvicted of murder after January 1, 1889, shall be executed by a stroke of electricity. We do not expeet that any persons will be convicted of murder for ome time after January 1, and then, you know, per ons are rarely executed in this State until a year and a half or two years after their conviction. The murderer always carries his case to the Court of Appeals and it takes a year and a half or two years to get that court's opinion. So we have a year or so to prepare the electrical appliances. Meantime, we hope the Legislature will relieve us of the duty. A State prison is no place for the capital punishment of a murderer. In some way the convicts would learn of the approaching execution and it would destroy discipline. The agitation in the prisons would be great on each occasion. We do not want this duty, and shall try to get rid of it."

A RECEPTION TO VASILI VERESTCHAGIN. M. Vasili Verestschagin was the central figure of elightful scene last night, when the Ladies' Art Asse clation of New-York gave him an informal reception. About fifteen hundred invitations had been sent out, and ifteen times too small to accommodate the two hundred persons who responded to the call. Among them were Mrs. Marsley, Mrs. George Kyle, Mrs. Dr. Howells, E. C. Howells, Mrs. Julean, Mme. Potin, Miss Donleyy, Miss Clare Bunce, Mme. Roch, Mrs. Daughty, Mrs. Vauchan, Miss Lane, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Guttman Mrs. Patrick Ford, Miss V. A. Maxwell, Miss Helen Ford, Dr. Holland, M. Schoenoff, Professor Werner and

# THE WEATHER REPORT.

GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS FOR 24 HOURS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-10 p. m.—For New-England, East-ern New-York, New-Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana, fair; continued low temperature, ortherly winds.

for Alabama and Mississippi, fair; continued low tempera-ure, followed in the northern portion by slightly warmer For Eastern Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, fair

and slightly warmer.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Western New. York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, fair, preceded in northern West Virginia and the lake regions by light snow; warmer. For Michigan, Wiscousin, Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, fair; slightly warmer. For Colorado, fair; stationary temperature.

# TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



Signal Service station at this city. The dashes indicate temperature noted at Perry's Pharmacy. Sun Building.

Trisure Office, Dec. 20.—1 a.m.—Cold. clear weather prevalled yesterday, with fresh southweaterly winds. The temperature ranged between 30° and 18°, the average (25½°) 125 Fulton-st and 6 Astor House (Broadway).

being 12% lower than on the corresponding day last year, and 10% lower than on Tuesday. In and near this city to-day there will probably be little or no change in the weather.

#### WAITING FOR NEWS FROM HAYTI.

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE BOMBARD-

MENT WAS CONTINUED. Whether or not the bombardment of Cape Haytien was resumed by Legitime's entire navy of two corvettes and two gunboats, on December 6, could not be earned yesterday. But it was learned that Consul-General Bassett received a cable dispatch by way of Europe on December 9 to the effect that the fleet did fire a few shots on the town on December 4, and that an armistice was granted at the request of the foreign Consuls and the non-combatants of the town until they could escape to a place of safety. Further news of the bombardment may not be received until the arrival of the steamer Prinz Mauritz, which is due here from Port-au-Prince on Tuesday. It is also probable that news may be received by cable from Kingsion, Jamaica, upon the arrival there of the steamer Arran from Port-au-Prince, which vessel is due there to-day.

Dr. Auguste, who arrived from Cape Haytlen on the steamer Saginaw on Tuesday, yesterday went to Washington. It was said that he had a commission from Hyppolite as Minister to the United States, and

that he would ask for recognition. Chief Officer Charles Hale of the steamer Saginaw, of the Clyde Line, now lying at the Congress wharves, South Brooklyn, was seen by a Tribune reporter yesterday. He said that three or mall Hayttan gunboats had blazed away at Cape Haytten for awhile, but that not much damage had een done. He denied that the Saginaw had carried contraband arms on her last trip, although she took few rifles and some ammunition. There had been no attempt, however, to evade any one or to run any blockade. No effort had been made to keep the aginaw from entering her port.

The steamer Aguan, of the Clyde Line, arrived vesterday from Kingston, Jamaica. The chief officer said hat it had been rumored at Kingston that a new elec-

on for President had taken place.
It was expected yesterday that the caulking of the decks of the flag-ship Richmond would be finished to-day, and that she would go to sea when her sailing orders came. It was rumored at the Navy Yard that the Richmond was not to become the flag-ship of Rear-Admirai Luce, and that she would not remain tong at Hayti, if she went there at all, but that she was going to the South Atlantic Squadron to be the flag-ship of Acting Rear-Admirai Gillis in place of the swatara. The latter vessel is said to have been

THE INEFFICIENT HAYTIAN BLOCKADE. Washington, Dec. 19.-The Department of State urnished by the Consul at Cape Haytien a copy of a statement dated November 27 and signed by the Conuls of Austria, Italy, Sweden and Norway, Denmark, Beigium, Germany, Spain, the Dominican Republic and the United States, resident at Port Haytien, cerifving that that port has never been effectively blockaded since Cetober 22, when a Haytian war vessel ame in sight of the port for the purpose of blockadng. The Consul states further:

That no steamer had been stationed off this port, according to the prescription of international maritime law, cording to the prescription of international maritime law, but has always been cruising from here to Fort Liberty and beyond; that this practically inefficient blockade materially interfered with the legitimate trade of neutrals. The Department is informed by the Consul that two steamers, seven barks and nineteen schooners entered Cape Haytten in a month's time, from November 2 to December 1.

### "GENERAL" DISS DEBAR RELEASED.

THE SPIRIT MEDIUM WAS NOT AT THE PIER TO GREET HIM-LOOKING THIN AND WORN.

The publication of Madame Diss Debar's original ntention to meet "General" Diss Debar in East lifty-second-st. yesterday morning, upon his release, evidently caused her to change her plans. he steam-launch William H. Wickham landed on the New York side from Blackwell's Island, about 9 o'clock, the "General" was there, but the only ones interested enough to receive him were a number of reporters. Stewart A. Douglas, Mr. Marsh's nephew, who had figured as Madame Diss Debar's escort the tay before, had gone over to the Island early in the norning, and had supplied the prisoner with ordinary wearing apparel to replace his prisoner's uniform. Mr. Douglas also accompanied the accomplice of the spirit picture" medium over the river, and maintained me stience which had marked him on Tuesday norning. The "General" did not look as healthy as did his colleague upon her release. The male con-pirator had grown thin during his imprisonment, and his worried look was enhanced by the seediness of his attire. Mr. Douglas had not brought him new clothing

as he had done for the madama.
Yet when the passengers of the Wickham, including pler, young Douglas showed his unfortunate companion every attention. While the "General" was carrying a black oll-cloth valtse, Mr. Marsh's nephew had his companion's effects wrapped up in a bundle, which decided for the s as he climbed the pier steps, and leaned heavily on Douglas's arm. The released prisoner cohed about him at the little group which had gathered o receive him, but rejected all approaches by the reporters. To one persistent press representative he vouchsafed the expression: "I think you newspaper men ough to be satisfied now. Give us a chance!" His appeal was heard, and the poor old man, who certainly excited a feeling more akin to pity than any thing else, walked away in silence with his companion.

FINE FURNITURE AT POPULAR PRICES One of the first questions considered by thrifty peo ple when purchasing goods, whether for themselve or as presents for friends, is that of quality. This is especially true of purchasers of furniture, according to B. M. Cowperthwalt, of the old established furni ture house of Cowperthwait & Co., Nos. 193 to 205 Park Row. This firm makes a specialty of parlor and bedroom furniture, though everything in the shape of house-furnishing goods is also sold. was established more than eighty years ago and the experience gained in that time has demonstrated that the cheapest grades of parior furniture are expensive alike to the dealer and the purchaser. Having ascertained what the public wants, they take pains to supply the demand, and all of these goods sold by them, are manufactured to their order. They take great pride in their large line of parlor sets, and it is their boast that they sell a better grade of goods for the same amount of money than their competitors.

the same amount of money than their competitors. They are of all styles and materials known to the trade and prices range from \$45 for a set of seven pieces upward.

Of bedroom sets of antique oak, ash, black walnut, mahogany and imitation mahogany, there is always a large and varied stock to select from at prices within the renci of all. People wishing to make presents of useful as well as ornamental articles wil find at this well-known establishment a fine assortment of mantic ornaments, clocks, hanging and stand lamps, pictures, casels, bric-a-brac cabinets, etc. The stock of carpets, oil-cloths, matis, rugs, curtains, etc., is unusually complete. The firm has also a large line of tables of all descriptions, and a stock of desks from which any desired kind can be selected. Of parginsses, manter mirrors, easy chairs, lounges, rocking chairs, willow chairs, folding heds, wardrobes, mattresses, stoves, kitchen utensis, etc., there is an assortment which sustains the reputation of the house for keeping a complete stock of everything in its line. Until after the holidays the store will be open until 9 p. m.

"PHILIP HERNE" TO BE WITHDRAWN. Manager James M. Hill has concluded to recall Mary Henries Fiske's play "Philip Herne" from the road. The drama, he says, has failed to return a profit. Mr.

Hill's losses are not large, but they indicate that the play Hill's losses are not large, but they indicate that the play has no future. The usual two weeks' notice of disband-ment has been given to the members of the company. They will perform together for the last time on Saturday night, December 29, at Mobile, Ala., and the following day will take the train for New-York.

The dates left open by the withdrawal of "Philip Herne" will be filled without a break by Mr. Hill's "A Possible Case" company.

# AMERICAN GLASS THE BEST. Will H. Low, in his article on stained glass in the Christmas Scribner, says that the best in the world is made here. A wonderfully interesting paper and well The first statue of Washington ever made is offered for in-spection by the curious. This is of wood, 10 feet in height,

nd in 1793 was set up in the centre of the old Battery Park in

this city, where it remained half a century. During altera-tions made at the Buttery in 1842 the statue was put up at tions made at the Battery in 1842 the statue was put up at public auction and bought by a gentleman as a curiosity. After passing through the hands of several gentlemen, it is now offered to the inspection of the public for the first time. This is not exactly a thing of beauty, but it is a curious old relie worth seeing. Not far from it stands a statue which is beautiful—the "Sabrina" of Turner This virgin was fabled to have been turned into a river nymph, and she is represented as rising from the river among filly peds and water plants; the face has an exquisite beauty of expression, and the statue has no duplicate in this country. These statues, with an almost endless variety of antiques and moderns in art furan almost endless variety of antiques and moderns in art fur-niture and curies, can be seen at the famous store of Sypher & Co., Broadway and 17th st. Inspection is always welcome.

Berton "Sec" Champagne.

(Silver foiled and silver labeled.) Case of 1 doz. bottles, \$30 net. Case of 2 doz. b bottles, \$32 net. For sale by dealers.

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For Holiday Presents.

Lundborg's New and Original Enameled and Transparent Silk Cases filled with Perfumes.

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Proprietors and Manufacturers.

Barclay-st., corner Church-st., New-York. Ms ex consumptives claim the disease is the result of catarra The remedy for catarrh is Ely's Cream Balm. 50c.

The Best Christmas Gifts Seal and For Garments In New Bougns. A. Jackel, Manufacturing Farrier, 11 East 19th st. New York.

The Charming Styles in Ladies' Waterproof Clocks introduced by the Hodgman Rubber Company, Broadway and Grand-st., have created an unprecedented demand, which is steadily increasing.

MARRIED.

MARKLEH.

HART-HARD-On Wednesday, December 19, by the Rev.
T. L. Cuyler, D. D., Mrs. Catherine Voorhis Hard and Mr.
Noah Rogers Hart, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.
LORD-MARSH-On Tuestay, December 18, 1888, at St.
John's Church, Clitton, Staten Island, by the Rev. John G.
Eocleston, Julia Townsend Marsh, daughter of the late Nathaniel Marsh, to George Osgood Lord.

Notices of marriages must be indorsed with full name and address.

DIED

ARCHER—In Brooklyn, Monday, December 17, 1888, Alexander H. Archer.
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from Central Congresiational Church, Hancock-at., Franklin-ave., Thursday, December 20, at 2 p. m.
BECK—Harriet Beck, widow of the late John G. Beck, in the 71st year of her age.
Funeral from her late residence, 550 Van Buren-at., Brooklyn, Friday, December 21, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited. BECK WITH—on December 19, in the 50th year of his age, John Brooks Beckwith. Funent sarvices from his late residence, 74 Grove-at., Friday, the 21st inst., 7:30 p. m. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

BREWFR.—On Tuesday morning, the 18th inst, Abigail, daughter of the late John Brewer. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 20th inst, at her late residence, 257 West 36th at.

CORLIES—At Englewood, New-Jersey, on Tuesday December 18, 1888, George W. Corlies, aged 79 years.

Puneral from his late residence at Englewood, Friday, December 21, apon the arrival of the 115 p. m. train from New-York City, Northern Rallroad of New Jersey, from foot of Charliers at.

Carriages will be in waiting at depot upon arrival of train.

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DOUGLASS—On December 19. Charlotte, wife of William
Douglass, in the 82d year of her age.
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the
finite at from the Presbyterian Chapel, corner 7th-ave. and
18th at. Friday, 21st inst., at 12:300 clock.
London, England, papers please copy.
FFRGUSON—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., at his late residence
36 West Puth-at. Harrison H. Ferguson.
Funeral Friday, December 21, at 10:30 a.m., from the Church
of the Holy Name, 97th-at and 10th-ave. Relatives and
friends are respectfully invited to attend.
FFRUTAGI. At Fordham December 18 Frederick D. Freitag.

of the Holy Name, 97th-st. and 10th-ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

FREITAG—At Fordham, December 18. Frederick D. Freitag. Funeral services from the Chapel of the Home, on Thursday, at 2 p. m. Boston papers please copy.

GARRETSON—At Newtown, L. I., Klizz L. Eastman, wife of Garret J. Garretson,
Funeral from St. Jam's Church, Newtown, L. I., on Thursday, the 20th inst., at 1:30 o'clock.

Train teaves Long island City at 1 o'clock.

HAGNER—At Jamaica, L. I., on the 17th inst., Phebe Hagner, in the 91st year of her age.

Funeral on Friday, December 21, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, Union Hallest, Jamaica Depol.

HURLBUT—On Monday, December 17, of heart failure, Susan Rebroca, wife of Henry A. Hurlbut, aged 78 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services of the late residence, II West 20th-st., Therment at Woodlawn.

Please omit flowers.

LEAVITT-George Ayers Leavitt, aged 66 years, Tuesday evening, December 18. Funeral from his late residence, 802 Lexington ave., Friday, 10:30 a.m. PERRIN-On Wednesday, December 19, at his late residence, 255 West 42d-st., Edwin O. Perrin, aged 68 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

TAYLOR—At Canandaigua, N. Y., on the 17th inst, Hon.

Henry W Taylor, Li, D., in the 93d year of his age.

Funeral services from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

#### Special Notices.

. Art Sale IMPORTANCE.

JOHN H. DRAPER, Auctioneer. BY THE FIFTH AVENUE AUCTION ROOMS, 240 STH-AVE. C. F. WETMORE, Proprietor.

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Letters for foreign countries need not be specially addressed for dispatch by any particular steamer, except when it is desire, it send duplicates of banking and commercial documents, letters not specially addressed being sent by the fastest veasels available.

Foreign mails for the week ending December 22 will close (promptly in all cases) at this office as follows:

THURSDAY—At 2:30 a.m. for Central America and South Pacific ports, per steamship Colon, via Aspinwall (letters for Central America and South Pacific ports, per steamship Colon, via Aspinwall (letters for Central America and Guatemain must be directed "per Colon"); at 1 p. m. for Nassau, N. P., and Santiago. Cuba, per steamship Crowa Prince; at 8:30 p. m. for Trustress, per steamship Crowa Prince; at 8:30 p. m. for Newtoundland, per steamer from Halitax.

SATURDAY—At 1 a. m. for Brazil and the La Plata countries, via Brazil; for St. Thomas and St. Croix, via St. Thomas; for Barbadoes and for Truidad and Demerara.

per steamship Aguan (letters for Jamaica must be directed per Aguan').

SUNDAY-At 3 p. m. for Costa Rica, via Limon, per steamship Foxhali, from New-Orleans.

Mails for China and Japan, per steamship City of New-York (from San Francisco), close here December "23, at 7 p. m. Mails for the Hawaiian per ship Tropic Bird (from San Francisco), close here December "25, at 7 p. m. Mails for the Hawaiian Islands, per steamship Australia (from San Francisco), close here December "25, at 7 p. m. Mails for Australia, New-Zearand, Hawaiian, Fiji and Samean Islands, per steamship Australia (from San Francisco), close here Japany "0, at 7 p. m. (or on arrival at New-York of steamship Bothnia, with British mails for Australia. Mails for Cuba, by rail to Tampa, Fla., and thence by steamer, via Key West, Fla., close at this office daily at 2:30 a. m.

\* The schedule of closing of transpacific mails is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrunted overland transit to San Francisco. Mails from the East arriving on time at San Francisco on the day of saling of steamers dispatched thence the same day. Registered mail closes at 6.30 p. m. previous day.

Pest Office, New-Fork, N. T., Dec. 14, 1888.